Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon

AS GCE HISTORY A

F961/01  British History Period Studies
  Option A: Medieval and Early Modern 1035–1642

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:
• 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
  (sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:
None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

• Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
• Use black ink.
• Answer any two questions.
• Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
• Do not write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

• The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
• The total number of marks for this paper is 100.
• This paper contains questions on the following six Study Topics:
  • From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–1087
  • Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509
  • Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–1558
  • Church and State 1529–1589
  • England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603
  • The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1642.
• There are eighteen questions, three for each study topic. Answer any two questions.
• You should write in continuous prose and are reminded of the need for clear and accurate writing, including structure of argument, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
• This document consists of 4 pages. Any blank pages are indicated.
Answer any two questions.

From Anglo-Saxon England to Norman England 1035–87

1. How powerful a monarch was Edward the Confessor in the period from 1042 to 1065? [50]

2. 'The most important reason for the influence of the Godwin family was Edith's marriage to Edward the Confessor.' How far do you agree? [50]

3. To what extent was William I's suppression of opposition to his rule brutal? [50]

Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450–1509

4. Assess the reasons why Edward IV lost the throne in 1470. [50]

5. 'The skill of Henry Tudor was the most important reason Richard III lost the throne.' How far do you agree? [50]

6. How effective was Henry VII's domestic government? [50]

Henry VIII to Mary I 1509–58

7. 'Wolsey's domestic policies achieved little.' How far do you agree? [50]

8. To what extent did Tudor administration remain the same in the 1530s? [50]

9. How far did Mary I achieve her aims? [50]

Church and State 1529–89

10. How important was Thomas Cranmer in influencing religious policy in the 1530s? [50]

11. How much popular support was there for Mary I's religious policies? [50]

12. Assess the reasons why Elizabeth I's policies towards Catholics became more severe after 1568. [50]
England under Elizabeth I 1558–1603

13 To what extent was faction a threat to the power of Elizabeth? [50]

14 Assess the reasons why Mary Queen of Scots caused problems for Elizabeth I and her government. [50]

15 How successfully did Elizabeth I preserve her power in the period after 1588? [50]

The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–42

16 Assess the impact of foreign relations on the relationship between James I and his parliaments. [50]

17 ‘James I’s financial difficulties were the result of inherited problems.’ How far do you agree? [50]

18 Assess the reasons why Charles I dissolved parliament in 1629. [50]

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